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ATTENTION FOOD SERVICE MANAGERS

IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

The New York State Department of Health, along with local health departments, is investigating an outbreak of gastrointestinal illness linked to a spray park attraction at Seneca Lake State Park. The most common symptoms reported are diarrhea, abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, fever, headache and loss of appetite. In an attempt to prevent further spread of this illness, we are reminding you of some of the requirements for preventing the spread of illness through food:

- Exclude ill employees from work and contact your local health department for additional recommendations before allowing the employee to return to work.
- Employees must wash hands thoroughly and frequently, especially after using the toilet.
- Ensure that there is no bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods by properly using gloves and/or utensils.

Individuals who visited the State Park spray attraction and are experiencing gastrointestinal illness are encouraged to contact their health care provider and their county health department.

If you have any questions, please contact your local health department.